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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
AUGUSTA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MELISSA L. MORELLO

) INFORMATION NO.

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) 18 U.S.C. § 242

) Deprivation of Civil Rights Under

) Color of Law

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CR124-054

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES THAT:

At all times relevant to this information:

1. The Charles B. Webster Detention Center (hereinafter “the jail”) is a jail located in Augusta, Georgia, operated by the Richmond County Sheriff’s Office (hereinafter “RCSO”).
2. The defendant MELISSA L. MORELLO was a sworn correctional official, employed as a Jailer with RCSO and assigned to the jail.
3. Victim-1 was an inmate housed at the jail.

COUNT ONE

Deprivation of Civil Rights Under Color of Law

18 U.S.C. § 242

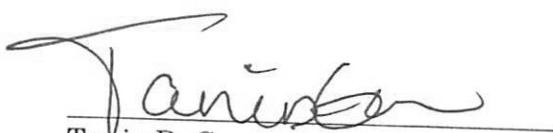
On or about May 7, 2022, in the Southern District of Georgia, the defendant,

MELISSA L. MORELLO,

while acting under color of law, did willfully deprive Victim-1, of the right, secured and protected by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, for a pretrial

detainee to be free from the use of unreasonable force by a correctional official. Specifically, the defendant failed to intervene and attempt to intervene, despite having the opportunity and ability to do so, when another officer known to the United States Attorney punched Victim-1 several times, and put Victim-1 in a chokehold, without legal justification, resulting in bodily injury to Victim-1.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.



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